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Case JA-138

/IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of:

E. REZAI ET AL

Serial No.: 09/171049

: Group Art Unit 1771

Filed: October 12, 1998

: Examiner: C. Pratt

For: ABSORBENT MATERIALS HAVING
IMPROVED STRUCTURAL
STABILITY IN DRY AND WET
STATES AND MAKING METHODS
THEREFORE

RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION DATED 6/21/00

The Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 21, 2000, Applicants hereby submit the following Response.

AMENDMENTS

In the Specification

Please amend the specification at page 7, line 22, by deleting the term "first" and inserting therefor -primary--.

Please amend the specification at page 7, line 23, by deleting the term "second" and inserting therefor -secondary--.

Please amend the specification at page 7, line 24 by deleting the term "third" and inserting therefor -tertiary--.